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SUMMARY. AS RESULT OF PUBLICLY SUPPORTING ANTIVERTICALIST PERONIST SECTOR AND BA GOVERNOR CALABRO IN THEIR ONGOING BATTLE WITH LORENZO MIGUEL-LED VERTICALIST SECTOR, MEAT WORKERS FEDERATION SECGEN CONSTANTINO ZORILA AND HIS SUPPORTERS WERE FORCEFULLY EJECTED FROM UNION BY STAUNCH ORTHODOX, PRO-MIGUEL GROUP. ALTHOUGH ZORILA IS CGT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER, CGT SUPPORTERED USURPERS' ACTION. MINLABOR ALSO GRANTED LEGAL RECOGNITION TO USURPERS. ZORILA IS ATTEMPTING TO REGAIN FEDERATION, BUT HIS CHANCES APPEAR MINIMAL. ACTION REQUESTED : ADVISE MCLELLAN AFL-CIO SUBSTANCE THIS MESSAGE. END SUMMARY.

1. LONG TIME PERONIST LABOR LEADER CONSTANTINO ZORILA, SECGEN OF MEAT WORKERS FEDERATION (CARNE), HAS BECOME FIRST VICTIM OF CURRENT POWER STRUGGLE BETWEEN STAUNCH VERTICALIST LORENZO MIGUEL AND ANTIVERTICALIST GOVERNOR CALABRO. FOLLOWING EARLY OCTOBER DENUNCIATION OF CALABRO BY MIGUEL-LED 62 ORGANIZATIONS (REFTEL), ZORILA WITHDREW CARNE'S REPRESENTATIVE FROM 62 ORGANIZATIONS, CHARGING MIGUEL WITH TAKING IMPORTANT POLITICAL

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WAS INTERPRETED AS ZORILA SUPPORT FOR CALABRO AND ANTIVERTICALIST PERONIST SECTOR, AND REPRESENTED FIRST MAJOR DEFECTION FROM ORTHODOX PERONIST LABOR MOVEMENT DOMINATED BY MIGUEL.

2. ON OCTOBER 20 CARNE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ORGANIZATION LESIO ROMERO AND GROUP OF ARMED SUPPORTERS FORCEFULLY EJECTED ZORILA, SUBSECGEN ESCALADA AND ORGANIZATION SECRETARY ABEL ARIAS FROM UNION HEADQUARTERS. ON OCTOBER 21 ROMERO HELD RUMP ASSEMBLY OF HIS CARNE SUPPORTERS IN CGT HEADQUARTERS DURING WHICH ZORILA, ESCALADA AND ARIAS WERE SUSPENDED FROM UNION FOR FIVE YEARS. ROMERO WAS NAMED NEW SECGEN. ON OCTOBER 24 THE MINLABOR CERTIFIED ROMERO AND HIS COLLABORATORS AS NEW UNION OFFICIALS.

3. ZORILA STRUCK BACK BY CALLING FOR NATIONWIDE CARNE STRIKE AND RALLY IN BUENOS AIRES ON OCTOBER 28. DURING RALLY ZORILA HARSHLY CRITICIZED MIGUEL, WHOM HE CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR UNION TAKEOVER, MINLABOR RUCKAUF, FOR LEGALIZING TAKEOVER, AND CGT SECGEN HERRERAS FOR HAVING PERMITTED USE OF CGT FIBY USURPERS. HOWEVER, GROUP NOW CONSOLIDATING ITS POSITION BY REMOVING ALL ZORILA SUPPORTERS FROM UNION CONTROLLED ENTITIES.

4. ELEUTERIO CARDOSO, MEMBER OF CGT INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AND EX-SECGEN OF CARNE, ADVISED LABATT THAT ZORILA WAS FORCED INTO ANTI-MIGUEL ACTIONS BY ANTIVERTICALIST LEADER AND NATIONAL DEPUTY LUIS RUBEO, DESPITE ZORILA'S OWN STRONG RESERVATIONS ON ISSUE. CARDOSO'S OBSERVATION COINCIDES WITH COMMENT ZORILA MADE TO LABATT FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER TO EFFECT THAT RUBEO WAS "COURAGEOUS, BUT AN INNOCENT" IF HE BELIEVED HE COULD SUCCESSFULLY CHALLENGE LORENZO MIGUEL. ACCORDING TO CARDOSO, WHO IS A ZORILA SUPPORTER AND WHO IS LOSING HIS POSITION IN UNION SOCIAL FUND COMMITTEE AS RESULT, ZORILA'S RE-ELECTION IN FORTHCOMING CARNE CONGRESS DEPENDED ON BEING OFFICIAL CANDIDATE OF HIS WON ROSARIO LOCAL. RUBEO, THROUGH HIS INFLUENCE OVER ROSARIO CARNE SECGEN CABRERA, GAVE ZORILA NO OPTION BUT TO ACCEDE TO ANTI-MIGUEL ACTION, AND ZORILA WAS NOT A SUPPORTER OF MIGUEL ANYWAY. HE THEREFORE ACCEPTED RUBEO'S "SUGGESTIONS", ALTHOUGH WITH UNDERSTANDABLE TREPIDATION.

6. ACCORDING TO CARDOSO, USE OF THE CGT BY ANTI-ZORILA GROUP LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WAS AUTHORIZED BY CGT TRADE UNION SECRETARY ROBERTO CAMPOS, A METAL WORKERS (UOM) LEADER. HERRERAS AND THE OTHER CGT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS ALL STUDIOUSLY AVOIDED BECOMING INVOLVED. AS A RESULT, ZORILA HAS BEEN UNABLE TO MEET WITH ANY OTHER CGT BOARD MEMBER TO RECEIVE AN EXPLANATION FOR THAT UNUSUAL ACTION.

6. ZORILA HAS DECLARED A ONE-WEEK TRUCE DURING WHICH TIME HE INTENDS TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR HIS POSITION. REGARDLESS OF THE

SOLUTION FOUND, HOWEVER, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT HE WILL REGAIN
CONTROL OF THE FEDERATION FOR SO LONG AS MIGUEL AND THE VERTICA-
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